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NEWS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE IN THE STATE

WHY FLAGSTAFF SHOULD HAVE SWIMMING POOLS

Mystery surrounds the report received here yesterday by a ranch owner near the city relating the appearance of a beautiful "September Morn" who, forgetting it was only August, took a swim in his private pool "la Eve."

"It was early in the morning," the ranch owner said. "Looking out of my window toward the pool half hidden, my pines, I saw the water splash and knew someone was in swimming."

"We have not used the pool recently. My son and daughter, who swim, are away. I wondered."

"I left the house and, nearing the pool, saw plainly the beautiful white body of a woman. She was not wearing a bathing suit."

"Although I cast but a momentary glance, I was able to see that she was a blonde of medium size, exquisitely formed."

"Needless to say, I notified my foreman, a bolder man than I, to order her to dress and leave the pool."

The foreman, according to the rancher's story went down to the pool and told the lovely lady of mystery she must not stay in swimming."

Nothing daunted, the mysterious one leapt through the water to the opposite bank, where, on the cement, she did a graceful sun dance."

Finally she disappeared behind a clump of bushes and was never seen again."

The pool, the ranch owner said, is right near the road, which, however, is little traveled. He knew of no camping party on his property. He had heard no automobiles pass that morning. No trace of the "September Morn" was found after she left the swimming pool.

"I am completely mystified," the ranchman declared.—Tucson Star.

GILA POSSE AFTER OUTLAW WHO SHOT INDIAN

With Sheriff Tol Kinsey in charge of a posse of eight deputies Green Back Mountain and vicinity is being scoured in an attempt to capture Bill Sproule who, for the past two days has been in hiding. A new trail was taken up by Sheriff Kinsey and his men this morning, after it was found that Sproule had slipped back to his cabin and destroyed it, evidently striking out in an entirely different direction after having done so. It is believed that the cabin dynamiting was an effort to destroy his pursuers. The trail along Oak Creek was abandoned late last night.

Sproule, who is thought to be mentally unbalanced, is expected to use every means in order to escape from his pursuers and to resist capture.

In addition to being suspected of the killing of cattle and burning of buildings at various times in the past, Sproule is also wanted for shooting and wounding an Indian workman at the road camp on Dock Creek last Wednesday morning. He is also declared to have threatened the lives of Ed Conway and Mrs. Lamb, two neighbors.

Deputies Rice and Banks took the injured Indian to the Globe hospital. The man, although severely wounded in the leg and arm, will recover.

Rice believes Sproule has left the country. Others are confident he is in hiding in the hills, with which he is familiar, and that he can remain in the dense brush and canyons, successfully concealed as long as he wishes. News comes in of his having shot two more mules and a burro.—Miami Silver Belt.

**PAUL J. RAINEY TO COME TO
ARIZONA FOR BIG BEAR HUNT**

One of the largest bear hunts ever staged in the state is to be held soon in the White Mountains by Paul J. Rainey, noted big game hunter, of Mississippi, according to word from Springerville, where Ray Grayson, who had been employed by Mr. Rainey as scout and guide for the hunt, has been engaged for several days in making extensive preparations for the hunt. A number of hunters will participate as the guests of Mr. Rainey.

Mr. Rainey is expected to arrive in Springerville about September 1 and with his party is scheduled to meet Grayson at Cooley, from which point the hunt will start. Mr. Rainey is expected to spend about 60 days in the White Mountains on the hunt.

The outfit consisting of camp equipment and other materials necessary for the hunt, fills a box car and was shipped to Arizona in that manner. More than 40 head of saddle horses and pack mules have been secured for the hunt and the largest pack of bear dogs ever used in this country will be unleashed when the hunt is officially started.

The party expects to establish a camp in the White Mountains and to hunt in all directions from this camp. According to reports there a large number of bear, including grizzlies, infest the White Mountains and should furnish plenty of sport for Mr. Rainey and his party.

A fish found along the Atlantic coast is known by the peculiar name of alewife.

HEAVY RAINS FLOOD MOHAVE COUNTY LAST WEEK

Torrential rains have been the order of the day during the past week. Wednesday afternoon the Santa Fe tracks in the neighborhood of Cherokee was side swiped for some distance, holding up all traffic for 12 hours. The whole country east of Hackberry and in and around Kingman was flooded, the deluge tearing out highways, as well as the railroad. Kingman canyon was impassable for several hours to motor traffic, but the road was gotten in shape within an hour after the flood subsided.

Hackberry Wash, or as it is known to geographers, Yampai Creek, was a torrent for many hours and impassable to motor vehicles. The territory drained by the creek is quite extensive, running as far east as Nelson and twenty or thirty miles south. It was the heavy drainage through Peach Springs that tore out the railroad tracks at Cherokee.

The rains also made impassable sections of highway to the north of Kingman, the mail carrier to Chloride having a narrow escape in one of the washes, where his car was caught in the roll of water and the mails given a thorough soaking. Other places through the country were drenched, the floods being the heaviest known in years.—Kingman Miner.

YAVAPAI COUNTY WILL COMPLETE NEW HIGHWAYS

Enough money has been secured to complete the Sedona and Black Canyon-Camp Verde roads. Joe McCarthy is now county engineer, as well as engineer of the highway commission. The county is to take over each section of the road system as fast as completed and maintain it out of the general road fund. These are outstanding developments of the last few days in Yavapai county's road situation.

BISBEE GETS \$2000 BATH

A careful check of the areas in Bisbee, Warren and Lowell, flooded by the cloudburst of Wednesday and Thursday nights, shows that the actual damage would not exceed \$2,000 aside from the expense of repairing the streets in the three towns.

MAD DOGS IN PHOENIX BITE FIFTEEN IN FEW DAYS

Stringent measures are to be taken to check the epidemic of rabies now raging among the dogs in Phoenix and in the other towns in Maricopa county, according to a statement issued by Sheriff John Montgomery. Within the past few days, the sheriff said, 15 people in Phoenix have been bitten by dogs believed to have been afflicted with rabies, and these people are now taking the Pasteur treatment.

The county board of health has issued an order to the sheriff to enforce the ordinance passed last January by that body requiring that all dogs in the city and county be muzzled or confined and in obedience to this order Sheriff Montgomery said his men have been instructed to kill all dogs found running at large without a muzzle.

For Sale, Ranch

Near Grants, New Mexico, on Santa Fe Ry., right along south side of track, about 90 miles from Albuquerque, consisting of 160 acres of deeded land and one section leased from the state, and 390 acres leased lumber company land.

Deeded land is half in natural hay meadow, other half excellent grazing with independent water. State lease is at edge of town and has good natural hay meadow with spring. Lumber Co. lease has water with best of grazing. Leases are assignable.

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Write

J. W. Bush
Dillon, Arizona

NEW COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION PUT IN OFFICE

A new commission composed of three men has been appointed by W. S. Norviel, state water commissioner, for the purpose of determining what lands in Arizona can be irrigated by the Colorado river, according to notification which has reached the Douglas chamber of commerce.

Following are the members of the new commission: E. C. LaRue, hydraulic engineer of the United States geological survey; Porter J. Preston, project manager of the Yuma project, United States reclamation service, and H. E. Turner, hydraulic engineer of the state water commission.

The work of the commission will start October 3 and will involve extensive investigation of the problem of what Arizona lands can be reached by the water of the Colorado river, the location of all possible diversion dams along the river, the possibility of reaching lands from the proposed reservoir in the neighborhood of Boulder canyon, and a survey as to what lands can be economically reached by means of pumping from the reservoirs, from the river and from canals. This reconnaissance survey will be followed up later and plotted in greater detail.

The Aleutian islands, west of Alaska, have a population of about 3000.

MINER AT KINGMAN MEETS TRAGIC FATE

A. E. Nichols met with a tragic death in the shaft of the Mitchell mine of the Leland group, near Oatman, last Saturday afternoon. Nichols had gone into the shaft to return a water bucket to the ways, it having slipped off 400 feet below the collar, and when he did not report the hoist man gave the alarm. It is supposed that he slipped off the ladder when attempting to replace the bucket. Blood was found on the timbers below where the bucket hung and the searchers began the work of drawing the water from the mine, there being still 80 feet of the shaft under water. Air was pumped into the water and the body rose to the drift, which had been partly cleared of water. The body was in the water about 48 hours, not being recovered until late Monday night. When recovered it was found that the neck was broken, the skull fractured and the body badly bruised and broken.

BIG DECREASE IN ARIZONA INCOME TAX FOR YEAR 1922

The decrease in income tax payments for the year 1922 in Arizona amounted to 49 per cent. The total income tax paid the government by Arizona for 1922 was \$1,427,000.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM ST. JOHNS JAIL, IS RECAPTURED

Clarence Sebring, in the county jail to await trial on the charge of forgery, was aided by friends outside in making his escape last Sunday night. A window was forced open, the screen raised and a man entered and unlocked the door to Sebring's cell. Sebring got out, went to the house where his wife and baby were staying and they joined him in a flight over the hills that must have been a sorry experience for the young wife and baby. The posse, sent out by Sheriff John Eagar, had no trouble in trailing them as the ground was soft, due to a rain during the night. When the posse, composed of Jailer Solomon Duran, Arisman Duran, Owen Gibbons and Saladon Montana, rounded up the fugitives, they were in the rocks on the black mesa near Henry Platt's ranch. Sebring was not armed and surrendered the more willing because of the suffering of his wife and baby, due to exposure and hunger. They were only about ten miles from town but, not knowing the country, had traveled back and forth and gone a long way without making much progress.

On Wednesday, following his escape and recapture, Sebring asked to change his plea from not guilty to guilty in superior court. The plea of guilty was entered on Thursday and a sentence of from 2 to 5 years in the penitentiary was imposed by Judge Gibbons. Mrs. Sebring, a mere girl of 17, was sent to her husband's mother who lives in El Paso, Texas. Sebring was charged with the forgery of a check on July 5, at Alpine, for the sum of \$23.00.—St. Johns Observer.

ANOTHER FEDERAL JUDGE WILL SOON BE GIVEN STATE

That a second federal judgeship for the Arizona district is assured in the near future, as the result of recommendations to be made by a congressional joint committee, was disclosed by F. H. Bernard, United States attorney. Mr. Bernard returned Friday from Washington, D. C., where he was in conference with Attorney General Daugherty, Senator Ralph H. Cameron and other members of the Arizona delegation in congress.

After some weeks of consideration, Mr. Bernard states a conference committee of the senate and house have agreed upon the passage of a bill giving Arizona a second federal judge.

Promptly after the disposal of certain vital legislation now under consideration, Mr. Bernard states the federal judgeship bill will come up for adoption, with virtually no opposition in either house.

Should the bill be passed shortly, Mr. Bernard asserted that the new federal judge would probably establish headquarters in Phoenix and hold court in the state capital and in Prescott. Judge Sawtelle, on the other hand, would remain at the Tucson headquarters, also holding court in Globe and other southern Arizona points. A federal district would not be added, it being the plan to divide the present one between two jurists.

CONVICTS ARE MOST ALL YOUTHS — BOY SCOUTS NOTE

The average age of prisoners at the Arizona penitentiary is under 24 years, declared J. O. Sexton, chairman of the board of pardons and paroles, in an address to members of the junior chamber of commerce at Phoenix recently on conditions at the state prison.

35 MEMBERS OF KU KLUX KLAN FOUND NOT GUILTY

Thirty-five members of the Ku Klux Klan are free, the jury which tried them on charges growing out of a raid at Inglewood on April 22 having acquitted them Saturday after a little more than three hours of actual deliberations.

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